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In re Application of)
Maurizio Zanetti)
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Responsive to the Office Action mailed July 20, 2001, entry of the following amendments and remarks is respectfully requested.

AMENDMENTS

Please cancel claim 30.

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) A method for stimulating an immune response, comprising administering to a lymphoid tissue a nucleic acid molecule comprising an expression element operationally linked to a nucleic acid sequence encoding one or more heterologous epitopes, wherein said expression element comprises